

Appl. No. 09/929,931
Amdt. dated November 22, 2004
Reply to Office Action of November 3, 2004

REMARKS

The Office Action states that Applicants' reply filed on August 13, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because claims 126, 154 and 179 have been noted as being withdrawn (page 18, under the remarks filed August 13, 2004). The Office Action states that there is no provision for patent examining rule to withdraw preexisting claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.111, and requests correction.

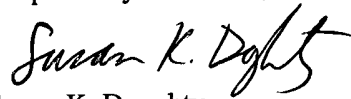
Further to Applicants' Amendment filed August 13, 2004, Applicants have provided an amended listing of the claims to properly indicate that claims 126, 154 and 179 have been cancelled without prejudice, not "withdrawn" as inadvertently noted in Applicants' previous Amendment. Entry of this Listing of Claims is thus respectfully requested. Please consider the remarks submitted in the Amendment and Response to Office Action mailed August 13, 2004.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance, and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

If there are any outstanding issues related to patentability, the courtesy of a telephone interview is requested, and the Examiner is invited to call to arrange a mutually convenient time.

It is believed that this amendment does not necessitate payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17. If the amount submitted is incorrect, however, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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